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Family Investment Administration
ACTION TRANSMITTAL

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPUTY / ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

FROM: TRACEY PALIATH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TCP

RE: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE BENEFIT INCREASE

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF PROGRAMS

SUMMARY

DHR completes a calculation each July to determine whether the TCA and Food Supplement Program (FSP) benefits when added together meet or exceed 61% of the Minimum Living Level (MLL) as required by state law, *Maryland Human Services Code, Ann. §5-316(a)(1)(i)*. Based on this year's calculations, the TCA grant must increase in calendar year 2017 to continue compliance with state law.

Note: The U.S. Department of Agriculture sets the FSP benefits based on income and household size and the Thrifty Food Plan, which is updated each year on October first.

ACTION REQUIRED

The new TCA payment amounts are effective January 1, 2017 and must be used to determine financial eligibility. This includes interim changes, recertification and recoupment cases. TCA benefits for January and beyond are in effect in CARES.

The attached FIP Schedule and Schedule R show the increase in the TCA grant amounts and in the TCA recoupment amounts. The federal poverty level (FPL) increased as of April 1, 2016. The FIP schedule has a column for the 50% of the monthly federal poverty level needed to determine stepparent eligibility.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct policy questions to fia.policy@maryland.gov.

c: DHR Executive Staff FIA Management Staff Constituent Services Help Desk
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FIP SCHEDULE
Effective January 1, 2017

Household Size	Allowable Payment	Used for Stepparent Deemed Income 50% of Monthly Poverty Level	Total Children With One Needy Caretaker
1	\$293	495	
2	\$513	667	1
3	\$648	840	2
4	\$776	1012	3
5	\$900	1185	4
6	\$989	1357	5
7	\$1112	1530	6
8	\$1224	1703	7
9	\$1320	1877	8
10	\$1426	2050	9
11	\$1555	2223	10
12	\$1626	2397	11
13	\$1725	2570	12
14	\$1826	2743	13
15	\$1930	2917	14
16	\$2054	3090	15
17	\$2176	3263	16
18	\$2297	3437	17
19	\$2417	3610	18
20	\$2538	3783	19
21	\$2659	3953	20

Poverty level changes were effective April 1, 2016. Add \$118 for each person in household sizes larger than 21. Add \$169 per household member for 50% of poverty over household size of 21.

FIP SCHEDULE R

Effective January 1, 2017

A Family Size	B Allowable Payment	C Available Recoupment 10% of Col. - B	D Available Recoupment 20% of Col- B
1	\$293	\$29	\$58
2	\$513	\$51	\$102
3	\$648	\$64	\$128
4	\$776	\$77	\$154
5	\$900	\$90	\$180
6	\$989	\$98	\$196
7	\$1112	\$111	\$222
8	\$1224	\$122	\$244
9	\$1320	\$132	\$264
10	\$1426	\$142	\$284
11	\$1555	\$155	\$310
12	\$1626	\$162	\$324
13	\$1725	\$171	\$342
14	\$1826	\$182	\$364
15	\$1930	\$193	\$386
16	\$2054	\$205	\$410
		The recoupment is the higher of \$10 or 10% if the recipient has no other income and it is an Agency or client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)	The recoupment is the higher of \$20 or 20% if the recipient has another source of income and it is an Agency or Client caused overpayment (non-fraud or IPV)